

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1-13 are pending in the current application. In the Office Action dated Aug. 21, 2008, the Examiner rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Additionally, claims 1, 4, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 7,383,127 ("Matsuo"); claims 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Matsuo; claims 8-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Matsuo in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,914,605 ("Loughmiller"); and claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Matsuo in view of what the Examiner asserts is admitted prior art. Finally, claim 7 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, the Examiner notes that claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. In this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 6 and added new claim 17.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Applicant has amended claim 6 to address the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicant requests reconsideration in light of the amendment to claim 6.

III. Matsuo Does Not Render Claim 1 Unpatentable

Independent claim 1 recites an image combining unit operable to display a map image inside a window and a simple image of a main road outside of the window on the monitor screen, wherein the map image in the window is presented in greater detail than the simple map image located outside the window. Matsuo fails to teach this element.

Matsuo is directed to a navigation apparatus for receiving delivered information. The Examiner asserts that Fig. 8 of Matsuo illustrates a presentation of a simple image of a main road extending outside a window. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Fig. 8 and the corresponding discussion in Col. 11, lines 49-61 of Matsuo actually teach that a navigation apparatus may present a map illustrating an area around a current position of a vehicle (reference numeral 3000), an area around a destination of the vehicle

(reference numeral 3010), and a recommended route (reference numeral 3020) extending from the current position of the vehicle to the destination. The cited portions of Matsuo does not teach displaying a simple image of a main road outside a window as asserted by the Examiner, but rather teaches a recommended route extending outside the map image of the area around a current position of the vehicle or the area around the destination of the vehicle.

Matsuo fails to teach an image combining unit operable to display a map image inside a window and a simple image of a main road outside of the window on the monitor screen, wherein the map image in the window is presented in greater detail than the simple map image located outside the window. For at least this reason, Matsuo as contemplated by the Examiner does not anticipate, or render obvious, independent claim 1 or any claim that depends on claim 1. Further, for at least this same reason, the combination of Matsuo and Loughmiller as contemplated by the Examiner does not render independent claim 1, or any claim that depends on claim 1, unpatentable.

IV. Matsuo Does Not Render Claim 12 Unpatentable

Independent claim 12 recites a simple image portion of a monitor screen external to a window portion operable to display a simple image of a main road extending outside a window. As discussed above in conjunction with claim 1, Fig. 8 and the corresponding discussion in Col. 11, lines 49-61 of Matsuo cited by the Examiner teach that a navigation apparatus may present a map illustrating an area around a current position of a vehicle (reference numeral 3000), an area around a destination of the vehicle (reference numeral 3010), and a recommended route (reference numeral 3020) extending from the current position of the vehicle to the destination. Matsuo does not teach displaying a simple image of a main road outside a window as asserted by the Examiner.

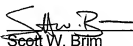
Because Matsuo fails to teach at least a simple image portion of a monitor screen external to a window portion operable to display a simple image of a main road extending outside a window, Matsuo as contemplated by the Examiner does not

anticipate, or render obvious, independent claim 12 or any claim that depends on claim 12.

V. Conclusion

In light of the amendments to the claims and the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition of allowance. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested. If there are any questions concerning this Amendment, the Examiner is asked to phone the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4200.

Respectfully submitted,

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